

Acting Part C Coordinator's Report
September 2005

General Update

1. We have a work group working on the State Performance Plan – the new 6-year plan required by OSEP as a result of the re-authorization of IDEA. I will be getting input from all of you on the indicators, timelines, improvement activities and resources today.
2. Germaine O'Connell did not retire, she was promoted to a Principle Assistant position in the Commissioner's office – she is still in our building and answering questions, assisting us as needed...

Workgroup Process:

The SPP workgroup took a look at the mini workgroup recommendations at their first meeting in June and assigned each of them to one of the next 6 years. The SPP workgroup will review those to add them as activities in the SPP as appropriate.

Financial Status:

As of July 31, 2005, 8% of the year has passed and we have expended 4% of the First Steps Dollars. It's early in the year....

Staff Update:

We currently have openings for Parent Consultants at WKU and Northern KY – and anticipate another one on the 16th of this month in Louisville.

There is a search for a permanent Part C Coordinator – the position will be advertised soon on Kentucky's Personnel website – it is a Human Services Program Section Supervisor position.

We will have a new Training Coordinator on board as of October 1, 2005. Her name is Jennifer Withrow. She is an MSW who most recently worked in the independent adoption program, but has experience working with families and children through DCBS. She has post grad work in special education – has had a nephew go through First Steps. We are excited about adding her to the team.

We have completed interviews for a section secretary, but have not heard back from personnel as of yet.

Family Satisfaction:

Information not available at this time about number of family complaints since last ICC meeting – our Quality Assurance Administrator is at a meeting in Gen. Butler State Park. At next meeting we will report on both periods.

Record Review:

Scott Tomcheck will give this portion of the report

For July and August there were 13 requests for reconsideration of Record Review with an average turnaround time of 3.2 days. There have been no requests for the Part C Coordinator to attend an IFSP meeting.